



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CENTER

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Jon Mies
Fire Marshal
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Dear Mr. Mies:


Jon

We appreciate your invitation for us to meet with the city staff regarding the Northgate parking situation. Parking, both on-street and off-street, in this area is very critical to the ministry of St. Mary's. As we have noted before, there are three time frames where parking is especially important for St. Mary's. Those times are 1) Sunday from 8:00 AM until 9:00 PM to accommodate the four Masses at 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:30 PM, and 7:00 PM; 2) Saturday from 8:00 AM until 9:00 PM for the Masses at 10:30 AM, 5:30 PM, and 7:00 PM, along with religion classes and meetings occurring throughout the day; and 3) 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM on Monday through Friday for the daily Mass at 5:30 PM and the numerous meeting and classes taking place on those days. Those are the times that we request that fees not be charged for on-street parking at the metered spots on the streets near St. Mary's.

St. Mary's currently has 76 off-street parking spaces. Thirteen of those are reserved for staff and ten are reserved for visitors and volunteers. The remaining 53 spaces are set aside for vehicles having a St. Mary's permit during the hours of 7:30 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Those permits are only issued to persons who are registered parishioners of St. Mary's and actively participate in one or more of our groups or ministries. We regularly patrol those lots and occasionally have to tow vehicles without permits. We also have an informal agreement with Papa John's Pizza, allowing them to use our lot for their drivers in the evenings. We have not found it necessary to further restrict the use of those lots outside of those listed hours. All of our lots are currently signed as St. Mary's lots but do not necessarily restrict its use to St. Mary's. We would be willing to place that restriction in the signage to help in the management of the Northgate parking system.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Glenn Schroeder
Director of Administration

